The Central Government maintains a close and continuous watch on naxalite activities. Apart from institutional mechanisms for review, periodic visits to the various States are also undertaken and detailed consultations with the State Government authorities are held about various developments and the steps required to check and control naxalite activities.

Maoists acquiring air borne capabilities in Orissa and Jharkhand

934. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per reports, the Maoists are not only equipped with sophisticated weapons and communication system, but also with airborne capabilities, especially in Orissa and Jharkhand regions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action plan of the Centre to effectively control this menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) As per information available, Maoists have sophisticated weapons and communication system; there are no reports to suggest that they have airborne capabilities in Orissa and Jharkhand.

The concerned State Governments undertake necessary action in respect of naxalite activities. The Central Government supplements their efforts and resources by various measures, which include deployment of Central paramilitary forces to assist the State police forces, sanctioning of India Reserve battalions to the States, assistance for strengthening of the State police and intelligence agencies, reimbursement of security-related expenditure, assistance in training of State police forces, sharing of intelligence, bringing about inter-State coordination and assistance in development works.

The Central Government maintains close and continuous watch on the situation, including detailed consultations with the State Government authorities about various developments and the steps required to check and control naxalite activities.

Taking steps as appropriate and necessary, having regard to the situation obtaining, is a continuous process.

Relaxing working visa norms for Chinese

935. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has relaxed working visa norms for Chinese citizens in the recent past to work with private agencies particularly in the field of oil exploration;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that security agencies had also expressed concerns over issuance of visa to such large number of Chinese nationals to work in private oil exploration company; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and how many Chinese nationals have been given working visas to work with private companies, with the details of companies?